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Re: U.S. Pa

U.S. Patent Application for

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISPLAYING HELP WINDOW SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH WEB PAGE PERTAINING THERETO

Inventors: M.L. Brandt et al. IBM Docket No.: R09-96-172 Our Reference No.: 1341-44

Dear Owen:

Enclosed is the subject draft application of your consideration.

By copy of this letter, the inventors are requested to read and revise the draft application, consolidate their comments into a single copy of the application, and return them promptly to me. Recall that the application must be filed on or before February 3, 1997.

Please contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

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